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FOLLOWING REPEAT ADDIS ABABA 7218 ACTION SECSTATE INFO
ASMARA MOGADISCIO NAIROBI 18 JUNE.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 7218

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR SO ET US

SUBJECT: CBS VISIT TO BERBERA

REF: (A) STATE 140212 (NOTAL); (B) ADDIS 7164;
(C) STATE 141867; (D) STATE 142400

1. CBS CREW BRIEFED AS PER REF C. QUINT AND NEWS TEAM HAVE
RECEIVED VISAS VALID FOR TWO WEEK STAY IN SOMALIA. THEY INTEND
TO DEPART ADDIS ABABA TODAY JUNE 18 FOR NAIROBI AND THEN CON-
TINUE TO MOGADISCIO FOLLOWING DAY.

2. ACCORDING TO QUINT, HE IS UNAWARE OF ANY SPECIAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CBS AND GSDR EXCEPT HE WILL BE ALLOWED TO VISIT PORT OF
BERBERA. SOMALI CHARGE' TOLD POL COUNSELOR EVENING OF JUNE 17
THAT CREW WOULD BE "SHOWN BERBERA" BUT ADDED HE WAS NOT PRIVY
TO GSDR-CBS AGREEMENT, IF ANY.

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3. QUINT WAS GIVEN COPY REF D, SHOWN UNCLASSIFIED OVERHEAJ

PHOTOGRAPHY OF BERBERA/ENVIRONS AND GIVEN MAP OF PORT WITH PENCILED-
IN LOCATIONS OF SOVIET INSTALLATIONS. HE WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON
PREVIOUS VISIT BY ARAB JOURNALIST TO BERBERA.

4. NEITHER CBS NEW YORK NOR QUINT EXPECT TO GET FOOTAGE OF
SOVIET BASE FACILITIES. THEY BELIEVE LIKELY RESULTS WILL BE
"INCONCLUSIVE." QUINT PRESUMES THAT THERE IS EITHER NOTHING
DISTINCTIVE TO SEE OR ELSE SOMALIS CONFIDENT THEY CAN SHUNT
HIM AROUND SENSITIVE AREAS. HE INTENDS FILE MOST OBJECTIVE REPORT
POSSIBLE HOWEVER. QUNIT INDICATED THAT HE WAS GRATIFIED AT USG
AWARENESS AND CONCERN WITH PRESS ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO A
MATTER WHICH HE RECOGNIZES AS IMPORTANT.

5. FOR MOGADISCIO: QUINT REQUESTED EMBOFF TO RELAY TO EMBASSY
MOG THAT CBS CREW WILL ARRIVE ON JUNE 19 ON THE (ONLY) FLIGHT FROM
NAIROBI. IF EMBOFF DOES NOT MEET THEM AT AIRPORT, THEY WILL CON-
TACT EMBASSY FOR BACKGROUND AND ORIENTATION. THEY EXPECT TO BE
MET BY GSDR REPS. WYMAN UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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